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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Professional Staffing Branch, Staff Personnel

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SUBJECT : Professional EOD Pay Levels

- 1. The Office of Scientific and Weapons Research (OSWR) has established the following guidelines for negotiating starting salaries with professional job applicants. The following are meant to be guidelines and must remain flexible at all times in order to attract and retain the quality of employees required to accomplish the mission of OSWR, NFAC and the Agency.
 - a. OSWR requirements within the IO-General and IO-Physical Science series are concentrated on but not limited to the specific fields of mathematics, physics and chemistry, and the engineering fields of aerospace, aerodynamics, aeronautical, electrical, nuclear and occasionally mechanical, chemical and biomedical engineering. The following criteria should also be applied to applicants in the computer specialist series.
 - GS-07 BS degree with no experience
 - GS-08 BS degree with limited experience
 - GS-09 BS degree with two years' experience or equivalent; two related BS degrees; MS degree with no experience
 - GS-10 BS degree with three years' experience or equivalent; MS degree with one year experience or equivalent; PhD candidates (has not completed dissertation)
 - GS-11 BS degree with extensive experience; MS degree with two or more years' experience or equivalent; PhD with no experience
 - GS-12 and above Determined by education level, experience, accomplishments, office needs and in competition with current salary and that offered by other Government and private sectors.
 - b. All engineers to be hired in the "GSE" or above specified pay scale. Grade and "in-step" to be determined by education level, experience, office needs, and current salary subject is receiving or that which is competitive with other Government and private industry salaries.

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- 2. Limited experience, as defined above, would equate to two or more summers of employment in individual's field while in school, a year or more employment as a teaching assistant in individual's core courses, two years in Co-op program, etc.
- 3. Equivalent experience, as defined above, would equate to concentrated study or analysis in a specific area of the individual's field, such as an aerospace engineer who has completed in-depth analysis of one particular space vehicle or a computer analyst who has completed in-depth analysis of a specific area of the computer science field.

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Transferees from other gov't agencies (except NSA) no higher than one grade promotion equivalency.

New hires from private industry: 5-7% increase over current salary up to 12-14% if coming from West Coast and not eligible for EOD travel

Higher salaries are considered if trying to meet outside competition for hard-to-get categories or unusual skills.